

The Richards Company II, Inc.
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April 26, 2019

Ms. Kim Muratore
Case Developer (SFD-7-5)
U.S. EPA Region 9
75 Hawthorne St.
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Muratore:

This letter is being sent in response to a letter I received from Loren Henning, copy attached, regarding information connected to the business operations of The Richards Company II, Inc. f/k/a W.C. Richards Company, Inc. As we discussed on the telephone, I am the independent trustee of the Richards Family Business Trust which owns 100% of the stock of the Richards Company II, Inc. and by default, I am president of the company.

W.C. Richards Company, Inc. sold its business operations in December 2010 to an unrelated party. William C. Richards, via his trust, was the owner of W.C. Richards Company, Inc. and Louis Barta was the President of the company at that time. With the sale of the operations, the company's name was changed to The Richards Company II, Inc.

William Richards died in February of 2014. An attempt was made to contact surviving members of his family to seek answers to the Information Request set forth in Exhibit B, but no one could provide any answers to the Information Request because they had no knowledge of the California operations. An attempt was made to contact Louis Barta, who is now in his eighties, and current employees of the buyer of the W.C. Richards Company, Inc. that are still employed by the successor. They could not provide any answers to the Information Request.

I have completed the Information Request to the best of my ability. I was never involved with the company or its operations in question. As such, most of the answers are unknown to me.

Please let me know if you should have any questions or request any other information.

Very truly yours,



David Kobza

Enclosure B response:

1. **David Kobza
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President of The Richards Company II, Inc.**
2. **Unknown, but believed to be from the early 1960's through the early 1990's.**
3. **Unknown as the former owner, William C. Richards, deceased February 7, 2014 and the company's business operations were sold in December 2010. There is no one known to me that has any knowledge of the California facility or its operations.**
4. **Unknown, see response to #3 above.**
5. **Unknown, see response to #3 above.**
6. **The Richards Company II, Inc. is currently an active Illinois corporation. It has no business operations other than leasing real estate to an unrelated business. It ceased operations in December 2010.**
7. **The Richards Company II, Inc. was formerly known as W.C. Richards Company, Inc. It was incorporated in Illinois June 25, 1953. Its name was changed to its current name in December of 2010 when it sold its business operations.**
8. **The business is a corporation. It is unknown as to how the business was structured at the time it was operating in California.**
9. **It is unknown as to how the Company operated the facility.**
10. **It is unknown if the Company ever used a fictitious name.**
11. **It is unknown as to whether the California property was owned or leased or who the successor to the property was. It is unknown as to what the property successors business operations were.**
12. **It is unknown as to who owned or operated the Facility prior to the Company nor is it known what business operations were conducted there. It is also unknown as to the use and disposal of PCE, TCE, 1,1,1-DCE, 1,1,1-TCA, 1,4-dioxane or perchlorate at the Facility.**

13. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
14. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
15. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
16. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
17. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
18. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
19. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
20. Unknown, see response to #3 above.
21. Unaware if such documents exist, see response to #3 above.
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